



# 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

H O R S E H E A V E N H I L L S



### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon gives aromas of ripe black fruit with notes of baked blackberry pie, warm baking spices, and earthy undertones. The voluminous fruit carries through in the mouth. Powdery tannins give structure to the wine while maintaining an elegant, balanced mouth feel, with a soft, velvety lingering finish. This wine shows great expression of the terroir of the Horse Heaven Hills.

### VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown at our acclaimed Estate Vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills. The fruit is exposed to long, hot, summer days with cool nights allowing uniform ripening, flavor development, bright acidity, and rich dark color. Well balanced crop levels have allowed us to create wines with great depth and concentration.

### GROWING SEASON

The 2016 vintage started ahead of schedule and had everyone thinking it was going to be even warmer than 2015, however unusually cool temperatures in July and August were followed by a cool October. The cooler summer temps allowed for longer hang time into September and October. The warm days and cool nights of September gave us ample fruit flavor development balanced with bright acidity.

### WINEMAKING

During harvest, these grapes were sorted in the vineyard to remove "MOG" (Materials other than Grapes) with our state of the art harvesters and sorting equipment. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. At the winery, individual lots were fermented in stainless steel tanks. Twice daily pumpovers allowed gentle extraction of color and tannins.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation .....Horse Heaven Hills  
Blend .....77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Syrah, 5% Petit Verdot,  
3% Merlot, 1% Malbec  
Alcohol .....13.9%  
T.A. ....0.46 g/100 ml  
pH .....3.94

